MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Are the Government satisfied that the constitution of females deserves better treatment ?

PRESIDENT : That is a general question.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : It is enough if it is brought to the notice of the Government that it is a matter which was not taken note of till now.

Filling the vacancy of Mr. S. Chakrapani Aiyar, Assistant Head Sirkar Vakil.

46. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they will lay on the table a list of applicants for the place of a Sirkar Vakil since the appointment of Mr. S. Chakrapani Aiyar as District and Sessions Judge ; and

(*b*) the name of the individual who was recommended for the post by the Head Sirkar Vakil ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The list* is laid on the table.

(*b*) Government consider that it will be against public policy to disclose the information asked for by the member.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Am I to understand that in the place of Mr. Chakrapani Aiyar, who is appointed as District and Sessions Judge, nobody has been appointed as yet ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The post has been filled up.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : His name please ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Mr. H. Ramakrishna Aiyar.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Was he taken from service or recruited direct from the bar ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : From the bar.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know if there was any precedent of Sirkar Vakils from mofussils having been taken as Assistants to the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have no recollection.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know why the Government prefer this particular individual to all those people who are found in Appendix III ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is the Government's selection. The Government were satisfied that he was the best candidate to be appointed for the post.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : From which point of view, I want to know.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : On every relevant point of view.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Does the interest of the Sirkar come into play in making this appointment ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the said individual has had any occasion to show his merit to the Government or whether the Government had any occasion to try his merit by entrusting him with a Sirkar case,—a case in which Sirkar interests are involved ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

The Anchal-Kunnikod road.

47. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the opening of a road from Kunnikod to Anchal has been sanctioned ;

(*b*) whether any work towards the same has been done ; and

(*c*) if not, why nothing has been done in the matter ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to answer to interpellation No. 63, part (*b*), given on page 173 of Vol. XX of the *Legislative Council Proceedings*, dated the 18th December, 1931.

(*b*) No work has been done.

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*a*) above.

Powers of appointment of Divisional Forest Officers.

48. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the highest grade of appointments that were within the powers of the Divisional Forest Officers before the reorganisation of 1098 ;

(*b*) whether these appointments are even now made by such officers ;

(*c*) if not, in whom such powers are vested since the reorganisation of 1098 ;

(*d*) the circumstances under which such powers are not allowed to be exercised by the Divisional Forest Officers ;

(*e*) whether these circumstances continue to exist now; and

(*f*) if they do not exist now, the reason why the Divisional Forest Officers are not allowed to exercise these powers ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Up to Rs. 15.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) to (*f*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Conservator of Forests.

49. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments in the different grades and classes of posts made by the Conservator of Forests since the reorganisation of 1098 ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The statement* is laid on the table.

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